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For: **DEVICE FOR PROCESSING DATA AND
CORRESPONDING METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the attached Abstract for the originally filed Abstract.

IN THEN CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 30 as follows:

1. *(Amended)* Device for processing data, comprising:

a processor [(1)]] for executing program routines, and

a memory [(2)] for storing program routines to be executed by said processor [(1)], where

at least a part of said memory [(2)] is arranged as a protected part [(21)] from which data can be read but which is protected against being written into, and